

Mexican District Revenue Perfins

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Because of the Latin American census and the upcoming revision of the Americas Section of the *World Perfin Catalog*, it is time to learn more about a delightful little-known batch of well-engraved Mexican revenues.

Most are dated and depict individuals or scenes from Mexico or Mexican history. They're usually overprinted and show purple or black oval cancels. Several perfin strikes and dark cancels tend to obscure

some of the stamp design.

However, in the hope that other members may have some examples of these stamps with additional parts of the perfin patterns showing, I'll list my small accumulation. You will need a strong glass to examine these stamps.

Perhaps we can generate enough information to warrant including them in the updated catalog.

A few of the stamps

are illustrated here to show their characteristics. Over-



prints are usually hand stamped and applied in various positions or printed in red or black ink.

If you have additional examples of perfins on these Mexican revenues, please contact Schwerdt (at 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603) and also send the information along to Bruce Brunell, who is coordinating the update to the Latin American Section of the *World Perfin Catalog*. Bruce can be reached at 425 East Gobbi #98, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Here are the perfins Schwerdt has seen. Can you add to the list?

Date	Stamp Design	Face Value	Color	Overprints	Perfin	Cancel	Caption	Other
?	Portrait	5P	Orange	MEXICALI ...BLICA	...NA ME...	Purple Oval	LI... GOV...BLAS	Four perfin strikes
1921	Scene: Palms & Village	10P	Slate	...LIACAN	...21 +SIN	Black	None	-
1926	Portrait	1P	Brown	...REZ	? See Fig. 1	Blue Oval	Ignacio L. Vallarta	-
1926	Portrait	10P	Sage Green	MEXICALI ...CORES	JUAN... JUDG...	Purple Oval	Ignacio Altamirazo	4 perfin strikes
1926	Portrait	10P	Sage Green	MEXICALI ...CORES	...A ME...	Purple Oval	None	4 perfin strikes
1927	Holy Man & Supplicant	1P	Myrtle Green	...d-JUAREZ	...1927 ...AREZ CH...	Purple	None	Overprint is printed, not hand stamped
1927	Death of Montezuma	100P	Deep Blue Green	CERVEZA... ...TO FEDERAL	...M.S.A (Date) ...ACUBA	Violet Oval	None	Overprint is printed, not hand stamped
1929	Scene (viaduct?)	50c	Deep Blue Green	...N. GTO. 17. ...S Y LIC...	?GTO	-	Mexico Acapulco Puente de Xochitepec K...	Overprint is printed, not hand stamped
1935	Girl at Well	50c	Purple	...RA VENTA	...35 ...+F	Black	None	Overprint is printed, not hand stamped